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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

In the Description

Page 3, Lin s 15 to 17 change "Fig. 8 . . . Fig. 8" to read as follows:

-- Fig. 8 illustrates a perspective view of a catch employed in the tilt mechanism of Fig. 2;

R1 Fig. 9 illustrates a side view of the catch of Fig. 8;

Fig. 10 illustrates a part cross-sectional view of a modified tilt mechanism in accordance with the invention. --

Page 6, Lines 11 to 16 change "In addition. . . tubular member 34'." to read:

R2 -- In addition, the spring means has a plate 58 e.g. in the form of a Bellville washer secured within the lower tubular member 34' in abutment with the bottom of the coil spring (not shown). In this respect, the plate 58 is frictionally secured within and transversely of the tubular member 34'. The degree of the friction fit is such as to resist any tendency of the coil spring to force the plate from the fixed position within the tubular member 34'.--